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1. SUMMARY: ON THE AFTERNOON OF JUNE 7 UNSSOD GENERAL DEBATE CONTINUED WITH STATEMENTS BY ZAIRE, TOGO, JAMAICA, TUNISIA, SYRIA, THAILAND, AND GUINEA. ZAIRE DENOUNCED "SOCIAL IMPERIALISM" AND THE "VORACIOUS GLUTTONY OF THE VULTURES FROM THE URALS AND THE CARIBBEAN," AND CUBA RESPONDED WITH A POLEMICAL RIGHT OF REPLY. SYRIA MADE
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RITUAL ATTACKS ON ISRAEL BUT NOTICEABLY OMITTED ANY CRITICISM OF EGYPT IN ITS STATEMENT. WHEN THE STATEMENTS STRAYED TO DISARMAMENT, THE THEMES WERE CONSISTENTLY SUPPORTIVE OF NON-ALIGNED POSITIONS. AFGHANISTAN REPLIED TO PAKISTAN'S STATEMENT OF PREVIOUS DAY. END SUMMARY.

2. AMB. TO THE U.N. KABEYA WA MUKEBA OF ZAIRE BEGAN THE

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MUKEBA'S MAJOR FOCUS WAS ON THE MOST RECENT INVASION OF
SHABA PROVINCE IN ZAIRE. HE ASSERTED THAT IN AFRICA
"SOCIAL IMPERIALISM HAD REPLACED THAT OF CAPITALISM
THROUGH THE DESTABILIZATION OF LEGAL REGIMES." MUKEBA
PAID WARM TRIBUTE TO FRANCE AND EXPRESSED THANKS "TO ALL
THE OTHER FRATERNAL NATIONS ...WHICH HAD COME TO THE AID
OF ZAIRE." HE ATTACKED "THE VORACIOUS GLUTTONY OF THE
VULTURES FROM THE URALS AND THE CARIBBEAN," AND HE SAID
THAT THEIR GOALS WERE THE MINERAL RICHES OF ZAIRE
AS WELL AS IDEOLOGICAL HEGEMONY AND CONSIDERATIONS OF
STRATEGY. HE RIDICULED CUBA'S DENIAL OF INVOLVEMENT IN
THE SHABA INVASION, AND HE SAID THAT LARGE SHIPMENTS OF
RUSSIAN WEAPONS SEIZED DURING THE TWO SHABA WARS CLEARLY
DEMONSTRATED THE SOVIET UNION'S "MACHIAVELLIAN PLAN TO
DESTABILIZE REGIMES IN AFRICA." MUKEBA CATEGORICALLY
OPPOSED THE USE OF THE AFRICAN CONTINENT AS A "ZONE OF
THE COLD WAR." ON DISARMAMENT THEMES MUKEBA URGED A HALT
TO NUCLEAR TESTS, THE AVOIDANCE OF PROLIFERATION, AN END
TO THE ARMS RACE, THE PROHIBITION OF THE USE OF WEAPONS
OF MASS DESTRUCTION, AND THE CREATION OF NUCLEAR-FREE
ZONES. HE MADE THE USUAL NON-ALIGNED LINK BETWEEN DIS-
ARMAMENT AND DEVELOPMENT, AND HE FAVORED THE CENTRALIZA-
TION OF DISARMAMENT EFFORTS UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE UNITED
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3. AMB. TO THE U.N. AKANYI-AWUNYO KODJOVI OF TOGO
DELIVERED A SHORT AND GENERAL SPEECH AND DID NOT ADDRESS
MANY CONCRETE DISARMAMENT ISSUES. HE COMPLAINED THAT THE
AFRICAN CONTINENT HAD BECOME THE "THEATER OF CHOICE" FOR
CONFRONTATIONS ARISING FROM A NUMBER OF INTERESTS, MOST OF
WHICH HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE INTERESTS OF THE AFRICAN
PEOPLE. HE ASSERTED THAT NO FORUM IS MORE APPROPRIATE
THAN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEM OF
DISARMAMENT, AND HE SAID THAT THE U.N. MUST REPUDIATE
"VERBAL AGGRESSION" AND FOCUS ITS EFFORTS ON THE UNDER-
LYING CAUSES OF THE ARMS RACE.

4. AMB. TO THE U.N. MAHMOUD MESTIRI OF TUNISIA MADE A
MODERATE STATEMENT IN WHICH HE NOTED THAT THERE IS A NEED
TO REDEFINE DETENTE. HE NOTED THAT DETENTE IS AN "ONGOING
AND FLUCTUATING PROCESS," AND HE ASSERTED THAT "PEACE,
LIKE DISARMAMENT, IS ONE AND INDIVISIBLE." MESTIRI MADE
A RITUAL REFERENCE TO PALESTINIAN RIGHTS, AND HE ALSO
EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER THE "STORMS SHAKING AFRICA."
MESTIRI LINKED DISARMAMENT TO DEVELOPMENT. ON THE
QUESTION OF MACHINERY HE SAID THAT ALL POWERS MUST BE ABLE
TO PARTICIPATE IN DISARMAMENT DISCUSSIONS AND THAT THERE

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MUST BE STRONG LINKS BETWEEN A DELIBERATIVE AND A
NEGOTIATING BODY. IN THIS CONTEXT HE MADE FAVORABLE
MENTION OF THE FRENCH AND THE CHINESE SSOD STATEMENTS.

5. AMB. TO THE U.N. HAMMOUD EL-CHOUFI OF SYRIA LAUNCHED
A RITUAL POLEMICAL ATTACK ON ISRAEL. HE DECRIED U.S.
MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO ISRAEL, AND HE QUOTED U.S. GENERAL
GEORGE BROWN'S COMMENT THAT SUPPLING ISRAEL WAS A "BURDEN
TO THE U.S." HE ACCUSED ISRAEL OF STEALING URANIUM
FROM THE U.S. AND OF NUCLEAR COLLABORATION WITH SOUTH
AFRICA. BUT IT IS PERHAPS SIGNIFICANT THAT EL-CHOUFI
DID NOT ATTACK EGYPT IN THIS STATEMENT. HE CALLED ON

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NATIONS POSSESSING NUCLEAR WEAPONS TO UNDERTAKE NOT TO
USE THEM; HE MADE THE USUAL LINK BETWEEN DISARMAMENT AND
DEVELOPMENT; AND HE PAID TRIBUTE TO THE CONSTRUCTIVE
IDEAS OF DR. KURT WALDHEIM (REFERRING APPARENTLY TO THE
PROPOSAL TO CREATE AN ADVISORY GROUP OF DISARMAMENT
EXPERTS AND TO THE PROPOSAL TO DEVOTE ONE ONE-THOUSANDTH

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OF CURRENT ARMS BUDGETS TO DISARMAMENT EFFORTS).

6. FOREIGN MINISTER PERCIVAL J. PATTERSON OF JAMAICA DELIVERED A STATEMENT TYPICAL OF THE NON-ALIGNED GROUP. HE STRESSED THE NEED TO CONCENTRATE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR ENERGY FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES IN DEVELOPING
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COUNTRIES. HE DECRIED THE CONCEPT OF "SPHERES OF INFLUENCE" AND EMPHASIZED NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY. HE PROMISED JAMAICA'S PARTICIPATION IN DISCUSSIONS ON A CALL FOR "AN EXPERT STUDY WHICH WOULD LEAD TO CLEARLY ELABORATED PROPOSALS" AND ON A PROPOSAL FOR AN INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR DISARMAMENT AND DEVELOPMENT. PATTERSON SAID THAT DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS MUST TAKE PLACE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE U.N., "WHICH HAD TO PLAY A PRIMARY ROLE IN DISARMAMENT." HE CALLED FOR THE INVOLVEMENT OF ALL STATES, "PARTICULARLY NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES." REFERRING TO THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY, HE NOTED CONCERN THAT "OBLIGATIONS BY NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES IN REGARD TO VERTICAL PROLIFERATION HAVE NOT BEEN IMPLEMENTED." PATTERSON CALLED FOR AN EARLY CONCLUSION OF A COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN TREATY. HE ALSO RECOGNIZED THE NEED TO PREVENT THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION, FOR A TREATY ON THE PROHIBITION OF ALL CHEMICAL WEAPONS, AND FOR A TREATY BANNING INHUMANE WEAPONS. PATTERSON ALSO LAUNCHED A STANDARD THIRD-WORLD ATTACK ON SOUTH AFRICA AND SAID THAT "THE EFFORTS OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY TO CREATE A NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONE IS ENDANGERED BY THE DETERMINATION OF THE RACIST REGIME OF SOUTH AFRICA TO ACQUIRE NUCLEAR WEAPONS." PATTERSON DETECTED "DISQUIETING SIGNS OF GROWING TENSION BETWEEN THE MAJOR POWERS," BUT HE JUDGED THAT STRONGER FORCES WERE "SIMULTANEOUSLY IMPELLED TOWARDS ACCOMMODATION, UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION."

7. AMB. TO THE U.N. PRACHA GUNA-KASEM OF THAILAND ALSO MADE A TYPICAL NON-ALIGNED STATEMENT. HE CALLED ON THE SPECIAL SESSION TO HELP STIMULATE EFFECTIVE PROGRESS IN NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS, THE EFFECTIVE PROHIBITION OF ALL NUCLEAR WEAPON TESTS AND THE CONCLUSION OF A COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN TREATY, AND THE CESSATION
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OF PRODUCTION OF FISSIONABLE MATERIALS FOR NUCLEAR WEAPONS. HE SAID THAT TO ASSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THIS LAST POINT, STATES WHICH POSSESS NUCLEAR WEAPONS SHOULD ACCEPT

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THE SAFEGUARDS OF THE IAEA. HE MADE THE USUAL NON-ALIGNED CALL FOR PROMOTION OF THE PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY AS AN ENERGY SOURCE. HE SUPPORTED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF "EFFECTIVE SYSTEMS OF VERIFICATION." GUNA-KASEM SUPPORTED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONES, AND HE HOPED THAT VOLUNTARY ASSURANCES WOULD SOON BE FORTHCOMING FROM ALL NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES NOT TO ATTACK SUCH ZONES WITH NUCLEAR ARMS. HE WELCOMED THE CURRENT BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE SOVIET UNION TO REDUCE THEIR MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN THE INDIAN OCEAN. GUNA-KASEM POINTED TO ASEAN'S EFFORTS TOWARD THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A ZONE OF PEACE, FREEDOM AND NEUTRALITY IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, AND HE NOTE THE THAI DELEGATION'S SUGGESTION AT LAST MONTH'S ASEAN MEETING THAT "WAYS BE EXPLORED TO INCLUDE OTHER STATES OF THE REGION IN THE CONSULTATIONS WITH A VIEW TO GAINING THEIR EVENTUAL SUPPORT." GUNA-KASEM DREW THE NON-ALIGNED LINK BETWEEN DISARMAMENT AND DEVELOPMENT. ON THE QUESTION OF MACHINERY HE ASSERTED THAT THE UNITED NATIONS SHOULD PLAY A MORE CENTRAL ROLE IN DISARMAMENT. HE AGREED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S CALL ON STATES WITH THE LARGEST ARSENALS TO MAKE AT LEAST ONE ONE-THOUSANDTH OF THEIR ARMS EXPENDITURES AVAILABLE FOR DISARMAMENT EFFORTS. HE ALSO SUPPORTED THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S PROPOSAL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ADVISORY BOARD OF EMINENT PERSONS TO ASSIST THE SECRETARIAT ON DISARMAMENT.

8. AMB. TO THE U.N. ABRAHAM DOUKOURE OF GUINEA MADE A SHORT AND GENERAL NON-ALIGNED STATEMENT. HE DEPLORED THE

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LEVEL OF ARMS EXPENDITURES AND CALLED FOR A REDISTRIBUTION OF SUCH EXPENDITURES TO ASSISTANCE FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. HE APPLAUDED STATEMENTS BY THE U.S. AND THE SOVIET UNION INDICATING A WILLINGNESS TO REDUCE ARMS EXPENDITURES. DOUKOURE EXPRESSED THE USUAL AFRICAN CONCERN AT THE "RECENT ACQUISITION OF NUCLEAR FACILITIES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA."

9. AT THE END OF THE SESSION RAUL RAO-KOURI OF CUBA EXERCISED A POLEMICAL RIGHT OF REPLY TO THE STATEMENT OF ZAIRE. RAO-KOURI HEAPED ABUSE ON "IMPERALISTS, COLONIALISTS, NEO-COLONIALISTS AND RACISTS," AND HE
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DECRIED THE "QUISLINGISM AND CORRUPTION BEING PROMOTED BY THE UNITED STATES AND ITS REACTIONARY COHORTS." RAO-KOURI ASSERTED THAT CUBA IS IN ANGOLA IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WISHES OF ANGOLA'S LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT AND WOULD REMAIN AS LONG AS ANGOLA DESIRED. HE SAID THAT ANGOLA'S GOVERNMENT IS "LEGITIMATE AND SOVEREIGN, AS IS NOT ZAIRE'S." RAO-KOURI COMPLAINED THAT "THE IMPERIALIST INSTIGATORS" WOULD LIKE TO BRING INTO DOUBT THE STATEMENT BY THE CUBAN VICE-PRESIDENT TO THE EFFECT THAT CUBA HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE INVASION IN KOLWEZI BY THE EX-KATANGAN GENDARMES.

10. IN ANOTHER RIGHT OF REPLY, MIR ABDUL WAHAB SIDDIQ OF AFGHANISTAN WELCOMED THE PREVIOUS DAY'S STATEMENT BY PAKISTAN THAT THE ONLY POLITICAL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES SHOULD BE RESOLVED BY PEACEFUL MEANS. HE NOTED THAT DOCUMENTS MENTIONED BY THE PAKISTANI REPRESENTATIVE (PRINCIPLES OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE) "WOULD BE CONSIDERED AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME IN THE LIGHT OF THE AIMS OF THE APRIL REVOLUTION AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE." YOUNG

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